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Coroner Investigator's Report

CALL INFO	NAME OF DECEASED (LAST, FIRST MIDDLE) LAVENTURE JR, Mark Anthony				TENTATIVE ID <input type="checkbox"/>	UNIDENTIFIED <input type="checkbox"/>	CASE NUMBER 2017-03317	
	REPORTED BY LT. J McComas		REPORTED BY PHONE NO. (510) 667-3646		REPORTING AGENCY Alameda County Sheriff's Office-ETS			REFERENCE NUMBER 17-019059
	INVESTIGATOR Jason Henshaw		CALL DATE AND TIME 10/30/2017 15:57		CASE TYPE Removal Case			
DECEDENT	DATE AND TIME OF DEATH 10/30/2017 14:37		DATE OF BIRTH 6/5/1984	AGE 33 Years	GENDER Male	RACE Mexican	MARITAL STATUS Never Married	VET? <input type="checkbox"/>
	HGT 68	WGT 160	EYE COLOR Hazel	HAIR COLOR Brown	OCCUPATION never worked	EMPLOYER		
	Preliminary Summary							
DEATH	LOCATION OF DEATH Santa Rita Jail				LODTYPE Other			
	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP) 5325 Broder Blvd Dublin CA 94568				COUNTY Alameda			
	Manner Accident		Death Certificate Signed By: B. Wilson, Deputy Sheriff					
	Cause A Multiple drug intoxication		Interval Minutes					
	Cause B		Interval					
	Cause C		Interval					
Cause D		Interval						
Other Significant Conditions		none						
NOTIFICATION	LEGAL NEXT OF KIN [REDACTED]			RELATIONSHIP [REDACTED]		TELEPHONE NO.		
	NOTIFIED BY			METHOD		DATE AND TIME		
	IDENTIFICATION METHOD Finger Prints			DATE AND TIME 11/1/2017 2:02				
INCIDENT	LOCATION OF INCIDENT Jail cell				AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/>			
	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP) 5325 Broder Blvd Dublin CA 94568				COUNTY Alameda		DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT	
	INVESTIGATING AGENCY Alameda County Sheriff's Office-ETS			INV AGENCY PHONE NUMBER		OFFICER K. Gemmell		
DISP	FUNERAL HOME Chapel of The Chimes - Hayward				BODY RELEASED TO FUNERAL HOME ON 11/7/2017 13:50			
	Full Autopsy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partial Autopsy <input type="checkbox"/> Inspection <input type="checkbox"/> Record Review <input type="checkbox"/> Inspection w/Specimen <input type="checkbox"/>				EXAM BY Thomas W. Rogers			



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Investigator Narrative

Decedent: LAVENTURE JR, Mark Anthony
Case Number: 2017-03317
Investigator: Jason Henshaw

First Call Information:

On October 30, 2017, about 1557 hours, I (Henshaw) received a telephone call from Alameda County Sheriff Lieutenant J. McComas. Lieutenant McComas was reporting the death of Mark Anthony Laventure Jr, a 33 year old male. Laventure Jr. was in custody at Santa Rita Jail in the City of Dublin. He was classified as an Administrative Segregation Inmate and assigned to Housing Unit 8, A Pod, Cell 13. Administrative Segregation Inmates are housed in a cell by themselves. It was reported Laventure Jr. was last seen alive, about thirty minutes, prior to him being found unresponsive. Per Paramedics Plus Patient Care Report, "Continuous manual CPR was initiated and performed by staff and AED was used but no shock was performed." Paramedics documented "PT was pale and extremely cold to the touch. PT was placed on the EKG monitor and asystole was confirmed, no pulses were noted. Pt's pupils were fixed and dilated, no rigor mortis was noted. Resuscitation efforts were considered futile." Death was determined, at 1437 hours, by Paramedic Long and Alameda County Fire Department Paramedic Poulleau. No trauma and nothing suspicious reported. (JDH1886)

Medical Summary:

Santa Rita medical records documented a history of [REDACTED] and Laventure Jr. was currently taking [REDACTED]. A copy of the medical records was placed in the case file. (JDH1886)

Description of the Death/ Injury Scene:

Laventure Jr. died at Santa Rita Jail, 5325 Broder Boulevard in the City of Dublin, Housing Unit 8, A Pod, Cell 13. (JDH1886)

Body Identification:

I (Henshaw) searched the Consolidated Records Information Management System (CRIMS) and located a record for Laventure Jr. I compared the photograph and general descriptors from CRIMS to the decedent and they appear to be a match. (JDH1886)

On Wednesday, November 01, 2017, I (Sobrero) received a faxed Fingerprint Comparison memorandum from the Central Identification Bureau (CIB). The memorandum documented the positive comparison of the fingerprints associated with Coroner's case 2017-03317 and those associated with Personal File Number (PFN) [REDACTED]. Both sets of fingerprints were positively identified to have been made by the same subject, Mark Anthony Laventure, with a Date of Birth (DOB) of 06/05/1984. (SS1832)

Next of Kin Investigation:

On Monday, October 30, 2017, Deputy Frazier and I (Wilson) went to addresses on [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in order to locate and notify next of kin. All three addresses were bad addresses. There are possible relatives named [REDACTED].



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At 2250 hours, I (Wilson) located a phone number in Accurant for [REDACTED] and called it. [REDACTED] said he was Laventure's brother and I informed him of the death. He said he and his mother lived at the [REDACTED] address but no one was home. [REDACTED] said he would inform his mother, [REDACTED] and other family members and call me back. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] was never married but has an [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is the next of kin but [REDACTED] is responsible for making funeral arrangements. (dlw29)

Other Agency Reports:

Deputy O. Sallam wrote report #17-019059 documenting the incident. I (Henshaw) received the report, reviewed it and placed a copy in the case file. The information from the report was consistent with the information already provided to me.

(JDH1886)

Property and Evidence:

I (Henshaw) issued Coroner's receipt #38558 to Sergeant Jones for Laventure Jr. body and property. (JDH1886)

Coroners Fees:

There were body removal and body preparation fees totaling \$400 associated with this case. (JDH1886)

On February 18, 2018, I (Henshaw) reviewed the Coroner fees and saw there was \$400 still outstanding for this case. (JDH1886)

Investigative Details:

On October 30, 2017, about 1705 hours, Deputy Easling and I (Henshaw) arrived at Santa Rita Jail in the City of Dublin. We went to Housing Unit 8, A pod. I saw Laventure Jr. lying on a mattress, in the hallway, on the second tier, outside Cell 13. Deputy Sallam reported he was passing out lunches and he opened the cuffing port on Cell 13. He saw Laventure Jr. lying in his bed with no shirt on and a sheet was covering his feet to his waist. Deputy Sallam stated it appeared Laventure Jr. was not breathing because he saw no chest rise. Deputy Sallam called into the cell and Laventure Jr. did not respond. Deputies entered the cell and were unable to locate a pulse on Laventure Jr. Medical staff was requested and CPR was initiated. Paramedics arrived and moved Laventure Jr. to the hallway outside the cell. Laventure Jr.'s death was determined, at 1437 hours. During a limited external examination I did not see any visible trauma. Livor mortis was present in his back which is consistent with his positioning. Rigor mortis was present in his jaw and not discernible in his limbs. Deputy Easling took photographs of the scene. Paper bags were placed over Laventure Jr.'s hands to preserve any possible evidence. We prepared Laventure Jr. for transport to the Coroner's Bureau.

On October 30, 2017, Alameda County Sheriff Sergeant K. Gemmell requested a press hold be placed on this case. (JDH1886)

On October 30, 2017, about 1820 hours, Deputy Easling and I (Henshaw) returned to the Coroner's Bureau. Deputy Easling took intake photographs of Laventure Jr. and we processed him into the morgue. The scene photographs and intake photographs were later downloaded onto a CD-R disc and placed in the case file. (JDH1886)



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On October 31, 2017, Coroner's Pathologist Doctor T. Rogers performed an autopsy. He deferred the cause of death pending the results of the toxicology report. (JDH1886)

On November 7, 2017, Central Valley Toxicology completed the medical screen of Laventure Jr.'s femoral blood sample. The screen detected 0.44mg/L Methadone, 0.02 mg/L EDDP, 0.04 d-Methamphetamine and <0.01 mg/L d-Amphetamine. No common acidic, neutral or basic drugs were detected. No ethyl alcohol detected. (JDH1886)

On February 13, 2018, Coroner's Pathologist Doctor T. Rogers reviewed the autopsy protocol and toxicology report and determined the cause of death to be "Multiple drug intoxication." (JDH1886)

On February 13, 2018, Alameda County Sheriff Sergeant K. Gemmell stated the press hold for this case could be removed. A copy of the email was placed in the case file. (JDH1886)

Findings:

On February 18, 2018, I (Henshaw) reviewed this case to determine a manner of death. Based on my investigation, the autopsy protocol, toxicology results, and the police report, I find the manner of this death to be an accident. The autopsy protocol established the cause of death as "Multiple drug intoxication." The levels of drugs in the specimens were consistent with a person who [REDACTED] Laventure Jr.'s medical records documented he had been [REDACTED] (JDH1886)

Supervisor Review:

On Sunday, February 18, 2018, I (Sgt. D. Dixon) reviewed this case for closure. The report was complete and I concurred with the findings. I consider this case closed. (djd863)

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M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: October 31, 2017
FROM: Thomas Wayne Rogers, M.D.
TO: Case File 2017-03317
SUBJECT: AUTOPSY PROTOCOL

Autopsy performed upon the body of Mark Anthony Laventure Jr. at the Coroner's Bureau, 2901 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, California, on October 31, 2017, at 9:05 a.m.

AUTOPSY FINDINGS

- 1) ABSCESS, RIGHT ARM.
- 2) BLOOD METHADONE 0.44 MG/L.
- 3) BLOOD EDDP 0.02 MG/L.
- 4) BLOOD D-METHAMPHETAMINE 0.04 MG/L.
- 5) BLOOD D-AMPHETAMINE <0.01 MG/L.

CAUSE OF DEATH: MULTIPLE DRUG INTOXICATION.

cc: District Attorney

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Body of MARK ANTHONY LAVENTURE JR.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

The body is that of a white male appearing the stated age of 33 years. There is a Coroner's identification tag present on the left big toe. The body is 68 inches long and weighs 160 pounds.

The body is presented in a supine position. The body is nude. Rigor mortis is fully developed. Lividity is present over the backside of the body.

The only evidence of medical therapy are cardiac monitoring pads on both upper arms and both lower legs.

There is no obvious blood on the body.

There are the following BLUNT INJURIES to the body:

RIGHT LEG:

1) A 1/4 inch eschar of the patella.

2) A 1/4 inch eschar on the lateral knee.

LEFT LEG:

1) Two abrasions over the patella red in color. The largest is 3/8 inch.

There are no other blunt injuries noted to the body.

The hair is brown and about 1/4 inch long. Pupils are round. Irides are brown. Sclerae are nonremarkable. No petechial hemorrhages are noted. Ears, nose and lips are

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23 normal. Very short mustache and beard are present. The neck is
24 normal.

25 The chest is flat. Breasts are consistent with an adult
26 male. The abdomen is flat. The external genitalia are normal.

27 Legs and feet are without further abnormalities.

28 Present in the right antecubital fossa is a 3/4 inch area
29 of red discoloration of the skin. It is slightly indurated. In
30 addition, there is a 3/8 inch area of breakage in the surface of
31 the skin. No needle puncture marks are identified within this
32 area. The possibility of this representing an induration or a
33 burn cannot be excluded.

34 The fingernails have been clipped prior to autopsy exam.
35 No binding indentation sites are present about the arms or
36 hands. No smoke, powder or stippling is identified on either
37 arm or hand. No needle puncture marks are present. No
38 hyperpigmented scars are present over accessible veins. No
39 blunt injuries are noted to arms or hands.

40 The back is nonremarkable.

41 TATTOOS

42 The body is extensively tattooed on torso, both upper arms,
43 both lower legs and the feet. These are photographed at the time
44 of autopsy exam.

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INTERNAL EXAMINATION

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46 The body is opened through the usual Y-SHAPED INCISION.

47 BODY CAVITIES: The pleural cavities, pericardial cavity

48 and peritoneal cavity are lined by smooth, glistening surfaces

49 and contain no fluid. Ribs and diaphragms are intact.

50 HEART: In situ, the heart is normal, with the apex at the

51 left midclavicular line. The heart weighs 310 grams. The

52 epicardial surface is smooth and glistening. Ventricular

53 myocardium is brown. Chambers are normal. Valves are normal.

54 No left ventricular hypertrophy is present. No asymmetric

55 hypertrophy is present. No myxoid degeneration of the mitral

56 valve is present. No vegetations are present on valve leaflets.

57 Coronary ostia are patent. The coronary system has its usual

58 anatomical distribution and is nonremarkable. No thrombi are

59 present.

60 VESSELS: The aorta and tributaries are minimally involved

61 with atheromatous change. The pulmonary artery and venous

62 system contain no thromboemboli.

63 TRACHEA AND BRONCHI: Lined by pale yellow mucosal

64 surfaces.

65 LUNGS: The left lung weighs 1000 grams. The right lung

66 weighs 1100 grams. Pleural surfaces are smooth. Lung

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67 parenchyma is prominently congested and edematous. Airways
68 contain frothy fluid. The arterial system of both lungs is
69 nonremarkable.

70 ORAL CAVITY: The teeth are natural. None are acutely
71 missing or loose. The tongue is normal.

72 ESOPHAGUS: Lined by a white, wrinkled mucosal surface.

73 STOMACH: Contains about 400 to 500 cc of soft white food
74 material. The mucosal surface is tan. No tumors or ulcers are
75 noted.

76 INTESTINES: Covered by smooth serosal surfaces. No
77 abnormalities are noted. The intestines are opened and no
78 foreign material is identified. There is a moderate amount of
79 slightly insufflated fecal material present in the large
80 intestine. The rectum is palpated and no foreign material is
81 identified.

82 LIVER: Weighs 2600 grams. The serosal surface is smooth.
83 The anterior margin is sharp. The parenchyma is brown and
84 moderately congested. No tumors are present. No fatty
85 metamorphosis or cirrhosis is present.

86 GALLBLADDER: The gallbladder is of normal size. Its
87 surface is smooth. Its wall is of normal thickness. It is
88 lined by a green velvety mucosal surface. It contains 10 cc of

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89 bile and no stones.

90 PANCREAS: The pancreas is of normal size. Its parenchyma
91 is yellow-brown and lobulated. No tumors are present. No
92 saponification is noted.

93 SPLEEN: The spleen weighs 370 grams. Its capsule is gray
94 and smooth. Its parenchyma is red-purple and soft.

95 ADRENAL GLANDS: The adrenals are normal in size and have
96 their usual triangular shape. Sectioning of them reveals non-
97 remarkable cortex and medullary parts. No hemorrhages are
98 present.

99 KIDNEYS: The kidneys weigh 150 grams each. Surfaces are
100 smooth. Parenchyma is brown and moderately congested. There is
101 a distinct corticomedullary separation. Papillae are normal.
102 The calyces and pelves of both kidneys are nonremarkable. No
103 obvious abnormalities are noted of the ureters. No stones are
104 present.

105 BLADDER: The bladder contains about 30 cc of urine. It is
106 lined by a tan mucosal surface. No trabeculation or tumors are
107 present. No diverticula are noted.

108 PROSTATE: The prostate is of normal size. Its parenchyma
109 is yellow-white and rubbery. No tumors are noted.

110 TESTICLES: Slightly atrophied.

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112 MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM: The defect in the right
113 antecubital fossa is incised into. Beneath it is about 5 cc of
114 purulent material consistent with an abscess.

115 NECK: The hyoid bone and laryngeal structures are intact.
116 Soft tissue about the larynx is normal. The larynx is free of
117 obstructing material. The cervical vertebral column is non-
118 remarkable. The thyroid gland is of normal size. Sectioning of
119 it reveals a nonremarkable red-brown parenchyma. Individual
120 laryngeal structures are taken down and no abnormalities are
121 noted.

122 CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM: Soft tissue about the cranial
123 vault is normal. The brain weighs 1300 grams. The gyri and
124 sulci of the cerebral hemispheres are normal. Sectioning of the
125 brain reveals no abnormalities. No contusions are noted. The
126 ventricular system of the brain is nonremarkable. No subdural
127 or subarachnoid hemorrhages are present. The vessels at the
128 base of the brain are nonremarkable. Stripping the dura from
129 the inner table of the skull reveals no abnormalities.

130 SPECIMENS:

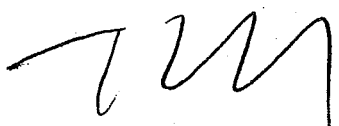
131 1) Heart's blood

132 2) Leg blood

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133 3) Liver
134 4) Urine
135 5) Tissue
136 6) Histology sections
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Thomas Wayne Rogers, M.D.



CENTRAL VALLEY
TOXICOLOGY, INC.



Case Name:
Laventure Jr,

TOXICOLOGY NUMBER:

CVT-17-10635

Mark A.
14 ml femoral blood labeled "Laventure Jr, Mark; 2017-03317; 10/31/2017"

Specimen Description:

Delivered by Tricor

Date 01-Nov-17

Received by Bill Posey

Date 01-Nov-17

Request: Complete Drug Screen

Agency Case # 2017-03317

Requesting Agency

Alameda Co. Coroner's Office
Attn: Acct's Payable
2901 Peralta Oaks Ct., 2nd Floor
Oakland CA 94605

Report To

Alameda Co. Coroner's Office
Attn: Dr. Rogers
2901 Peralta Oaks Ct., 2nd Floor
Oakland CA 94605

Specimen: Femoral Blood Sample

RESULTS

Complete Drug Screen: Methadone and Methamphetamine detected.
No other common acidic, neutral or basic drugs detected.
No Ethyl Alcohol detected.

Methadone = 0.44 mg/L
EDDP = 0.02 mg/L

d-Methamphetamine = 0.04 mg/L
d-Amphetamine < 0.01 mg/L

8/20/17
11/16/17

Blood Methadone Ranges
Effective Level: (0.05 - 0.75 mg/L)
Potentially Toxic: (>0.20 mg/L)non-tolerant user
Potentially Toxic: (>0.75 mg/L)tolerant user

Blood EDDP Ranges
Effective Level: (<0.10 mg/L)
Potentially Toxic: Not Known

Blood Methamphetamine Ranges
Effective Level: (0.01 - 0.05 mg/L)
Potentially Toxic: (0.2 - 5 mg/L)

Blood Amphetamine Ranges
Effective Level: (0.02 - 0.15 mg/L)
Potentially Toxic: (0.2 mg/L)

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November 07, 2017

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PATHOLOGIST: Thomas Wayne Rogers, M.D.	HISTOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

HEART: Sections show nonremarkable cardiac muscle cells. No areas of inflammation, scarring, or fibrosis are present.

LUNGS: Sections show nonremarkable alveolar air sacs and airways.

TESTICLES: Normal.

LIVER: There is a chronic persistent hepatitis present characterized by an increase in the number of inflammatory cells within portal triads.

PANCREAS: Exocrine and endocrine structures are normal.

SPLEEN: Nonremarkable-appearing red pulp and white pulp areas are present.

KIDNEYS: Sections show nonremarkable glomeruli and tubular structures.

BRAIN: Sections show nonremarkable neural tissue.

(1-16-18)

1-16-18

Date

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'TW' or similar, written over a horizontal line.

Signature

M.D.

TWR/jkm

D: 01/04/18 at 1300 hours

T: 01/05/18